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25X1 1. The Soviet railroad station traffic control office in HEGYESHALOM (P 48/Y 06) was headed by a major, assisted by a first lieutenant and a second lieutenant, up to 17 October 1949. The mission of the RTO's office was to check and dispatch all Soviet rail shipments going through the railroad station and to check transient Soviet soldiers. As the RTO's office had no private telephone connection it used one of the two available Hungarian lines.

2. The office issued travel certificates to the train commanders of all Soviet shipments coming from Austria. The certificates were transmitted to Hungarian authorities who arranged for the payment of expenses in connection with Soviet rail traffic.

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According to Soviet safety regulations, ammunition trains had seven empty railroad cars behind the engine, whereas Hungarian regulations provided for four empty cars behind the engine and three empty cars at the end of an ammunition train.

7. Soviet rail shipments entering Hungary amounted to about 40 railroad cars per week up to the date of observation. Their cargo was unknown to Hungarian railroad personnel. Transit shipments of oil from STADLAU (F 49/A 49) to CONSTANTA (R 53/54/E 71) averaged 100 railroad cars per week.

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*** "Vertushka" shipments are also known in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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